

## Message Text

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TAGS: PEPR, IS, LE  
SUBJ: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION SOUTH  
LEBANON

1. EDITORIALS LEFTIST AL FAJR AND NATIONALIST ASH SHA'AB  
DELETED BY MILITARY CENSOR. AL QUDS (MODERATE, PLO-JORDANIAN)  
PESSIMISTIC ON WITHDRAWAL ISRAELI FORCES SOUTH LEBANON WITHOUT  
"QUICK AND DECISIVE INTERNATIONAL (US) AND ARAB ACTION,"  
AND SEES ISRAELI OCCUPATIONS S. LEBANON AS "EXACERBATION OF  
PROBLEM."

2. UNDER EDITORIAL "WHAT AFTER OCCUPATION OF SOUTH LEBANON?"  
AL QUDS DEDUCES THAT "ISRAEL DOES NOT CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE 'ORGANIZATION' FORCES WOULD RETURN  
TO THEIR BASES." "OCCUPATION OF S. LEBANON AT THIS PARTICULAR  
TIME WHEN ALL ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED  
AT ENDING THE OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK, GAZA, GOLAN HEIGHTS  
AND SINAI ONLY MEANS AN EXACERBATION OF THE PROBLEM AND FOCUSES  
ON SYRIA AND THE U.S." "SYRIA...IN CASE OF AN ALL OUT ATTACK  
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WILL BE INVOLVED IN A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR" OR "FIND  
HERSELF IN A CRITICAL POSITION WITH THE REJECTIONIST FRONT."

3. "ALL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE US TO PRESSURE ISRAEL  
FOR A WITHDRAWAL FROM S. LEBANON AS (IT DID) A FEW MONTHS AGO  
WHEN ISRAELI FORCES WERE COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS SAME  
AREA. IF WASHINGTON CAN FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW WITHIN A

SHORT PERIOD THEN THIS DANGEROUS CRISIS CAN BE CONTAINED."

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUS. UNLESS DECISIVE AND QUICK ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION TAKES PLACE, THE ARABS WILL HAVE TO ADD TO THEIR LIST OF REQUESTS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH LEBANON."

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